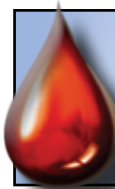




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Spartans focus on realistic training, unit cohesion

*Simulating a real-time casualty rescue on the battlefield, medics from 1/64th Armor, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID, promptly remove an injured Soldier to further reassess and render medical aid during 2nd HBCT's Spartan Focus at Fort Stewart, May 28. **See page 3A***

Stewart-Hunter changes command

Installation changes command, community welcomes Colonel Milton

Randy Murray
Fort Stewart Public Affairs Specialist

Colonel Kevin W. Milton assumed command of U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield during a change of command ceremony held at Marne Garden, May 29. Colonel Milton accepted command from Col. Todd A. Buchs, who had served as garrison commander for three years. The ceremony was attended by Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, senior installation commander, and Davis D. Tindoll, Jr., director of Installation Management Command, Southeast Region.

During the formal part of the change of command ceremony, garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin passed the U.S. Army Garrison's guidon to outgoing commander Col. Buchs, who passed the guidon to IMCOM, SE director Tindoll, who passed it to Col. Milton, the new commander. Col. Milton then

passed the garrison guidon to his new "battle buddy," Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin.

During his remarks following the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Cucolo explained that the Army does not train officers to be garrison commanders; that, in fact, the Army takes the "best of the breed" from everything they know and gives them something completely new, "making them responsible for small cities." He praised Col. Buchs while listing his accomplishments as Stewart-Hunter's garrison commander, which include two Army Community of Excellence awards.

Tindoll also praised Col. Buchs, noting that during his tenure, the 3rd Infantry Division deployed to Iraq then re-deployed back to Fort Stewart. Stewart-Hunter also mobilized and trained three infantry combat brigades, implemented the Army Family Covenant and Army Community Covenant, and established a motorcycle safety course.

Hunter farewells familiar leader, hails new garrison commander

Kaytrina Curtis
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Lieutenant Colonel Jose Aguilar assumed command of Hunter Army Airfield from Lt. Col. Dan Whitney during a change of command ceremony at Hunter's Truscott Air Terminal, May 28.

Fort Stewart's outgoing garrison commander, Col. Todd Buchs, said Lt. Col. Whitney was a vital member of the Chatham County and greater Savannah/Hilton Head Island area. Colonel Buchs added that Lt. Col. Whitney gave his residents, Soldiers, Marines, Coastguardmen, Airmen and their Families opportunities to meet and interact with the hospitable citizens of the Coastal Empire.

"He did that with energy and enthusiasm," Col. Buchs said. "He worked with the school boards, chambers of commerce and other local organiza-

tions, seeking out every opportunity to speak to groups in various forums."

The terminal, filled with well-wishers, said goodbye to Lt. Col. Whitney, who is relocating to the Pentagon, and wife, Maj. Erin Whitney, who has also be transferred to National Capital Region, and welcomed the new incoming Hunter Army Airfield commander, Lt. Col. Aguilar.

The Whitneys have been geographically separated the past two years. During the ceremony Lt. Col. Whitney thanked his wife for her guidance and support.

Major Whitney is relocating from Fort Bragg to Washington, D.C., to the United States Agency for International Development where she will begin a two-year program. When she completes the program, she'll return to her psychological operations career in the Army, to wherever she's assigned.

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4th IBCBT safely douses flames



Specialist Jacob Mackey, G Co., 703rd BSB, learns how to effectively use a fire extinguisher as he puts out a simulated fire as part of his platoon's safety training at Fort Stewart's Fire Department, May 28. **See story, Page 5A**

Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Stewart not getting 5th BCT

Sgt. Joseph McAtee
3rd ID Public Affairs

A plan to build an additional brigade combat team at Fort Stewart was halted by the Department of Defense, June 2.

The cancellation followed preparation and construction across Fort Stewart in anticipation of the arrival of about 4,000 troops who were scheduled to arrive at Fort Stewart over the com-

ing two years.

The military construction that was intended for the 5th Brigade Combat Team, including barracks, motor pools and headquarters buildings, will not be cancelled due to the announcement. The new plan now allocates the facilities under construction to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 3rd Infantry Division's lone light infantry BCT.

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Celebrate Army's Birthday with Twilight Tattoo

The 3rd Infantry Division will celebrate the Army's 234th birthday with a Twilight Tattoo, June 12. The day will include activities for teens and children at Newman Field at 3 p.m. and a ceremony for Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians and veterans at 7 p.m. on Cottrell Field. **For more on the Twilight Tattoo tradition, see Page 15A**



From the CSM's Desk : Leading requires more than hands-on training

Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews
3rd ID Command Sergeant Major

The workload on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield has increased immensely as Soldiers in all specialties train and heighten their level of competency. Relevant and demanding training is essential for a war-fighting unit like the 3rd Infantry Division.

My battle buddy, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, and I are extremely proud of the first-line leaders and battle buddies who are in tune with their Soldiers and peers and are not afraid to speak up if they recognize signs of stress or out of the ordinary characteristics. Lives have been saved and incidents have been prevented from escalating because leaders made accurate and timely decisions to get Soldiers to the right agency for assistance.

Soldiers from 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team have wrapped up Spartan Focus, and on Benning the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team finished executing Hammer Focus. The 3rd Combat

Aviation Brigade is involved in Falcon Focus; next month, Raider Focus will kick off and involve 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and support from elements of the 3rd Sustainment Brigade; and the division headquarters will begin its Mission Readiness Exercise in a couple of weeks. Late nights, weekends at work and weeks in the field are a part of life for our Soldiers and their Families.

This is the time when supervisors need to pay attention to the small things. Ensure that everyone understands his or her role in the fight, knows how to accomplish his specific tasks, and has a battle buddy to lean on or look after.

Squad leaders and immediate supervisors are the ones who make the most significant impact on our Soldiers. It's mandatory they know that the duties and responsibilities of a leader cannot be mastered with just hands-on-training. We all must be familiar with Field Manual 22-100, Military Leadership.



The technical components of mentoring, teaching and coaching continue to evolve, but the fundamentals of leadership printed in the field manual in 1990 are still viable methods of instruction today. Written in the introduction of the field manual, it states that as we change our doctrine, weapons and force structure, so will our potential enemies. Regardless of the combatants, environment or type of fight we're involved in, the only way we can succeed as an Army is to have better prepared leaders, Soldiers and units.

I challenge all leaders and those who desire to lead to read and often refer to FM 22-100 for approaches and lessons learned on how to deal with issues such as battle stress and fatigue. Even though this manual was written almost two decades ago, junior leaders should not underestimate its usefulness.

A good leader does not lead in a vacuum. There's no value in anyone embar-

rassed to refer to regulations and manuals if he doesn't know the answer, or call around to on-post agencies looking for help and resources available.

A good leader knows more than how to complete the mission, but also where to go if a Soldier needs help with finances, relationships, and mental or physical help.

Also, to everyone in our ranks, don't suffer alone. It's a sign of personal and moral courage to seek help when it's needed. We have to live by example and keep ourselves healthy and focused to be able to make tough decisions or perform without unnecessary errors.

The bottom line is that we have Soldiers like Sgt. John Huggins who prevented a Soldier from committing suicide by implementing what he learned during Army Suicide Prevention Training. Sergeant Huggins didn't step aside and wait for someone else to aid this Soldier. He initiated what he was taught and saved a fellow comrade. We need to amplify the positive affects that occur when we run toward our comrades in distress and not cower away.

YEAR OF THE NCO

Vanguard Bde announces Soldier, NCO of Quarter

Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk
4th IBCT Public Affairs

Two combat arms Soldiers outshined their competition at the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's 3rd Quarter Board, May 26. Specialist David Quintero, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery Regiment, and Corporal Gregory Touzani, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, were named the Vanguard Brigade's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, respectively. Both troops will represent their brigade at the 3rd Infantry Division-level competition slated for Friday.

Each winner competed against four Soldiers in a battle to be recognized as the 'best of the best' and were drilled on a series of Army-related topics by 4th IBCT command sergeants major.

Board President and Vanguard Brigade Command Sergeant Major Louis Torres said the competition was stiff and though there can only be one Soldier and NCO selected to advance, all board partici-

pants were winners for having made it this far. The senior enlisted advisor explained that prior to the brigade-level board, Soldiers must first attend their perspective battalion competition.

Specialist Quintero, a native of Wallis, Texas, said he won the 1/76 FA board having only two days notice. He said preparing for the 4th IBCT board was a lot more demanding, but that sacrificing his personal time to study for the competition was well worth it.

"You have to go above and beyond," Spc. Quintero said, adding that he studied every chance he got for three weeks before the brigade board. "You have to do what's necessary to separate yourself from your peers."

The field artilleryman said help from his unit leadership and mentorship from his older brother, a sergeant stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, aided his win.

"They gave me good pointers," Spc. Quintero said. "You can always learn a little something from everybody."

Command Sergeant Major



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Vanguard Brigade Command Sergeant Major Louis Torres congratulates Cpl. Gregory Touzani, A Co., 3/7 Inf., after the infantryman was selected as the 4th IBCT NCO of the Quarter, May 26.

Torres said the young Soldier broke a brigade record as Spc. Quintero walked away with the highest amount of board points; his score even trumped the NCOs'.

Corporal Touzani said it

was self-confidence that pushed him to the top of the competition.

When asked how he felt he'd fair out at the division-level board, the junior NCO hailing from Des Moines,

Iowa, said, "No doubt, I'll do well."

The 3rd ID Soldier and NCO of the Quarter results will be announced in next week's edition of the Frontline.

This week in Marne History: 3rd ID enters Rome, two Soldiers earn MOH

Dr. Judith Brown
Fort Stewart Museum

The first week in June is very significant in 3rd Infantry Division history. In that week in 1918, the 3rd ID took part in the Aisne Defensive campaign at Chateau-Thierry and the Belleau Wood, the first significant combat action for its infantry and field artillery regiments. In early June 1951 in Korea, the 3rd ID began Operation Piledriver, which secured the Iron Triangle and brought the Chinese to the negotiating table. Most recently, on June 2, 2008, 3rd ID headquarters returned to Fort Stewart from 15 months in Iraq, and four days later, the Division colors were uncased and the new Command and Control Center dedicated. It was in this week in 1944, during World War II, that two 3rd ID Soldiers earned the Medal of Honor and the 3rd ID captured a major city.

When the 3rd ID broke out of the Anzio beachhead in May 1944, the only question remaining was how long, and at what cost, it would take to get to Rome. The cost was high — more than 3,000 battle casualties — and would have been higher had it not been for the heroism of two soldiers in the 15th Infantry Battle Patrol, Pfc. Herbert Christian of Company E, and Pvt. Elden Johnson of Company H. Neither would have been considered heroic material before the war. Private First Class Christian, two weeks short of his 33rd birthday when he earned the MOH, was born and raised in Ohio. He completed three years of high school and was working in retail before entering the Army. Private Johnson, 23, was born in New Jersey but living in Massachusetts when he entered the Army. He had only a grammar school education and was doing unskilled work when he was drafted and ended up in the 3rd ID.

From Anzio, the 3rd ID raced northeast from the coast to Valmontone, which sat above Highway 6, the main supply route between Rome and the German divisions fighting further south. On June 2, the division captured the

town, and that night at nearby Highway 6, the 15th Infantry's Battle Patrol was ambushed by three German tanks and three machine guns. On their own initiative, Pfc. Christian and Pvt. Johnson moved forward, drawing the German fire to themselves, so the rest of the patrol could retire to the rear, the only way open. They took out two machine guns and killed several enemy troops before being killed, helping to keep Highway 6 in 3rd ID hands.

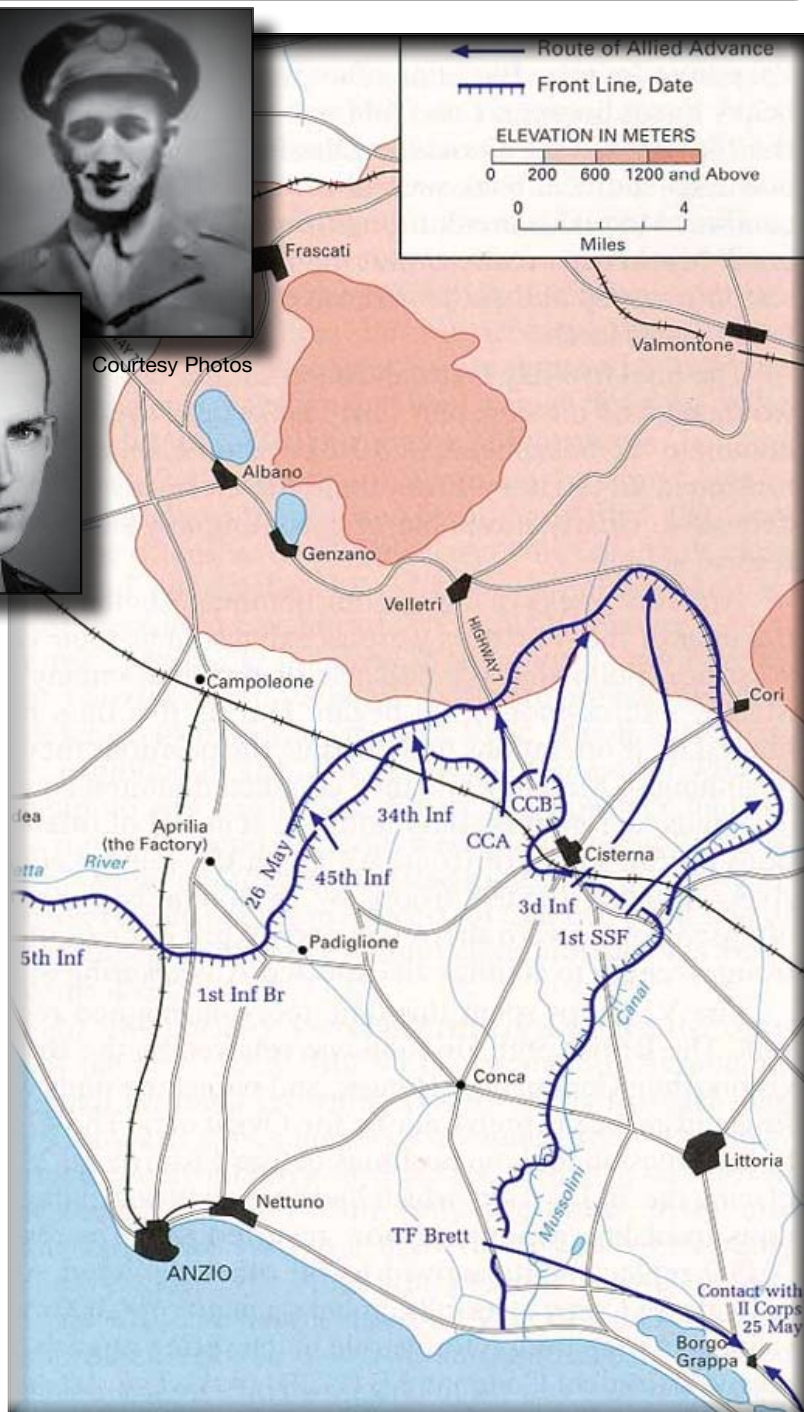
Their heroism, plus other factors, made the German retreat from Rome inevitable. On June 4, the 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, as part of Task Force Howze, was one of the first Allied units to enter Rome. That afternoon, the 3rd ID also got news from Fifth Army Headquarters: "Third Infantry Division will garrison Rome."

On June 6, the 3rd ID established its garrison Headquarters at the University of Rome. The next day, Brig. Gen. John O'Daniel, 3rd ID commander, received this teletype from Gen. George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff: "Please give to my old Division, the Third, my thanks, and to my first regiment in the Army, the Thirtieth, and the Seventh of my Vancouver days and especially to my old China regiment, the Fifteenth, for cutting Highway Six."

The importance of the road for which Pfc. Christian and Pvt. Johnson sacrificed their lives was recognized at the highest level.



Courtesy Photos



Private Elden Johnson (upper right) and Pfc. Herbert Christian (lower left) earned the Medal of Honor for their heroic actions on Highway 6, June 2, 1944.

MAP: The route of the Allied Advance during the Anzio break out led the Allies northeast toward Valmontone, May 25-26, 1944.

Spartan Focus in full swing for 2nd HBCT



Photos by Pfc. Gregory Gieske

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd HBCT, train in a real time operation of a downed helicopter as they rescue the surviving casualties from further injuries by simulating the application of tourniquets, IV bags and dressing wounds while securing the perimeter and removing all hostile threats from the area during 2nd HBCT's Spartan Focus at Taylors Creek on Fort Stewart, May 31.

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2nd HBCT Public Affairs

"Fire in the hole," yelled an Explosive Ordinance and Disposal Soldier while destroying an explosive device, alerting nearby cavalry scouts to secure the area for military intelligence Soldiers to begin questioning local nationals. All the while, the scene is being documented through the persistent lens of a public affairs Soldier's camera. The joint effort between Soldiers of all career fields was the focus for the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, during the brigade's nearly month-long field training exercise, Spartan Focus.

The exercise was a culmination of training for the battalions of 2nd HBCT to better prepare its Soldiers for the battlefield. Each battalion recently completed their own field training, focusing on individual units' skill sets and tasks. In turn, Spartan Focus allows each battalion the opportunity to become a joint task force and implement every aspect of the battle field – from infantry and cavalry scouts interacting with military intelligence as they question locals, to providing additional security to EOD Soldiers as they dispose of possible explosives while unmanned aircrafts monitor the operation from above.

"It's been great to not just have infantry or scout Soldiers out here," said 1st Lt. Mel Levey, Company C, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd HBCT. "It really gives everyone the chance to see how all the different Soldiers work together, whether they are EOD, MI, or even public affairs."

Soldiers were exposed to various scenarios designed to test their capabilities as

they worked together and assessed the situation, whether they were hit with a roadside improvised explosive device, conducting convoy operations, working with Iraqi police, or meeting with local nationals and key community leaders, 1st Lt. Levey said.

"This has been very good training," said 2nd Lt. Brian Kossler, Company C, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 2nd HBCT. "We've all been learning very quickly how to assess situations we are subjected to, and you can see from day-to-day (that) everyone is improving by leaps and bounds."

To intensify the training, Soldiers and leaders were tasked to interact with other Soldiers and Iraqi interpreters working as opposing forces, as well as Iraqi security forces. This interaction helped develop quick reaction times and a better understanding of how to approach local nationals, 2nd Lt. Kossler said.

"We've been keeping the Soldiers on their toes by trying to keep the environment and situations as realistic as possible to the kind of situations Soldiers will be facing in Iraq," said Staff Sgt. Steven Kelly, C Co., 1/30th Inf., as he acted out the role of an Iraqi national.

As platoons of Soldiers approached various mock villages, they were tasked to quickly assess the situation and formulate a plan of engagement, which can quickly change from a simple meet and greet with local leaders to a full attack by hostile forces or even possible hidden explosive devices, said Staff Sgt. Kelly.

To enhance the realism of the event, Soldiers learned how to interact with embedded civilian media and work side by side Iraqi security forces, Staff Sgt. Kelly said.



Preparing to deploy the Explosive Ordinances and Disposal robot, Spc. Michael Walker 38th EOD, takes part in a joint operation with Soldiers from 1/30th Inf. and 3/7 Cav., 2nd HBCT, in the Moslin Village urban combat training site to remove a possible roadside improvised explosive device during 2nd HBCT's Spartan Focus at Fort Stewart, May 29.



After running from Soldiers, an enemy combatant, played by Pvt. Keith Bishow, 1/30 Inf., is tracked down by Staff Sgt. Frank Neal, 3/7 Cav., and his squad as they carefully surround the area in a 360-degree formation before beginning a search of the assailant for any weapons or other threats during 2nd HBCT's Spartan Focus at Fort Stewart, May 30.



Private Josh Nehrling, 1/30th Inf., 2nd HBCT, played an enemy combatant to help ready troops for situations they could face in Iraq and Afghanistan, during Spartan Focus at Taylor Creek, May 31.

BARRACK'S LIFE: A Taste of Savannah

Pfc. Jared S. Eastman
1HBCT Public Affairs

Alright barracks' rats, you have a four-day weekend coming up, right? For those of you unaware, it's Flag Day, and for those of you of age, it's a long party weekend. Although many of you will be waving down buddies in cars for a ride, those lucky enough to own a vehicle should make it out to Savannah at least once during the long weekend.

For all those new barracks' rats, get out of the barracks this and every other weekend. A Soldier with no sunshine is no fun. Even a paper warrior gets sun on the weekend. And also for those new to Fort Stewart, there are a few places you need to know about in Savannah.

One of them is The Gallery, located on Bull Street. The Gallery is the epitome of eccentric coffeehouses, with its

old hardwood floors and mismatched chairs. It is a frequent hot spot for Soldiers and Savannah College of Art and Design students looking for a quiet place to read or work. The prices are decent, although a word to the wise – come with cash. There's a minimum one has to spend in order to use a credit or debit card. Also, the velvet chair by the table is not as comfortable as it looks. Take the couch instead.

Another gem of Savannah is Sakura, a sushi bar with a Western influence. The sushi is delicious, if not traditional, and although the dining area is cramped, it evokes a sense of home rather than claustrophobia. The prices



are appropriate, and the long tables make the restaurant a great place for groups to enjoy the night with hot sake, and no particular rush to finish.

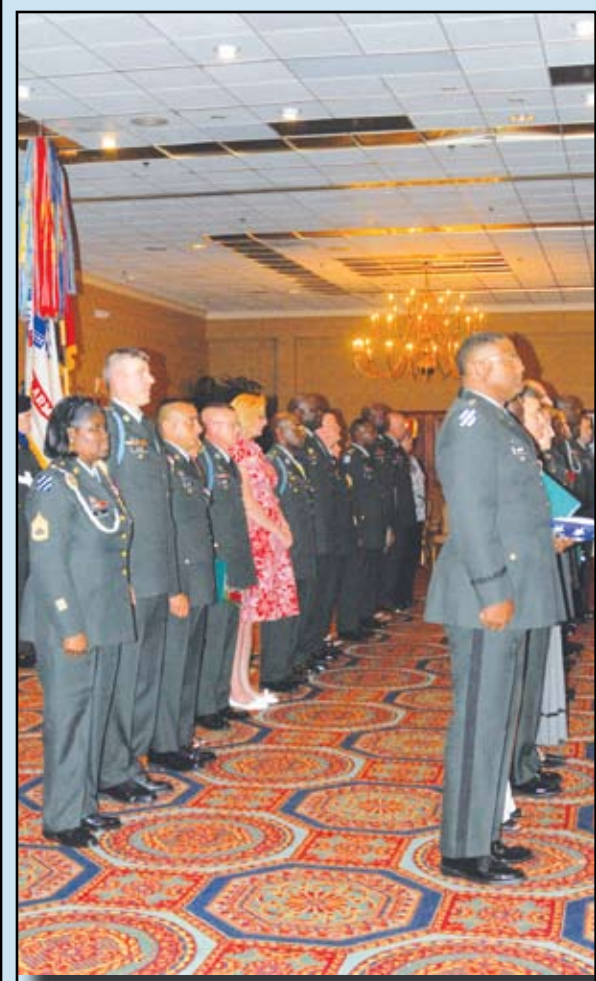
For the barracks' rats still recovering from post-St. Patrick's Day shock (which, in some cases, can last a full year), Savannah has just the cure – Molly MacPherson's, located on W. Congress St. There is also another one in Richmond Hill on Highway 17, right before 95 for those who want to get their Scottish-ness closer to home. Molly MacPherson's is home to over 100 single malts between the two locations and occasionally has live music. When there isn't a live band playing, however, Celtic punk and rock plays heavily through-

out the pub. Their Scottish dishes are the best in the area and they make a mean shepherd's pie. A personal indulgence, Molly's Favorite, is a turkey sandwich with sharp cheddar and a slice of green apple. The pub also has multiple dartboards for those of you foolish enough to step up to your more experienced battle buddies.

Well, barracks' rats, you now have three places to go and four days to do it. Hopefully, one of these will strike your fancy. If not, fear not-- that's just a taste of what Savannah has to offer.

In other news, Frontline needs your help! We're looking for stuff in your barracks room that reminds you of home. Please send a description of what it is and what it means to you, along with your name, rank, unit and a way to contact you to jared.eastman@conus.army.mil.

Eighteen Soldiers retire, honored at Club Stewart



Randy Murray
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Eighteen Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers were honored during a retirement ceremony held at Club Stewart, May 28. Guest speaker for the ceremony, Col. Charles E. Sexton, commander of the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, said the 18 Soldiers represented over 400 years service to this nation.

Several Soldiers expressed plans to become teachers, others students. One said he was just going to go fishing. One Soldier was a newlywed and others had been married more than 25 years. Colonel Sexton recognized the sacrifices Army Families make, saying the Army is actually a Family business.

After a few opening remarks, he and 2nd HBCT Sgt. Maj. Valmond Martin personally recognized each retiring Soldier: Chief Warrant Officer 5 Henri G. Lamont, CAB; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bobby L. Richardson, CAB; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert R. Rayner, CAB; 1st Sgt. Courtney Henry, 4th IBCT; 1st Sgt. Luis Robles, CAB; Master Sgt. Marty Barnes, 2nd HBCT; Sgt. 1st Class Tonya R. Harvey, 3rd Sustainment Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Paul Newman, 2nd HBCT; Sgt. 1st Class Mildred Hill, 2nd HBCT; Sgt. 1st Class Brian Snyder, 1st Army; Sgt. 1st Class Ramon L. Espinet, 4th IBCT; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Snyder, 4th IBCT; Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Willis, 1/306 Inf.; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Brown, 3rd Sustainment Brigade; Staff Sgt. Andy Berg, 2nd HBCT; Staff Sgt. Robert J. Smith, 4th IBCT; Staff Sgt. Andre Thrailkill, 3rd Sustainment Brigade; and Sgt. David M. Baker, 1st HBCT.

West Point's "Telling War Stories" project

Share your story!

11:30 a.m. -1 p.m., Monday
Fort Stewart Education Center

The "Telling War Stories" project links Soldiers with West Point cadets to collaborate on narratives derived from the Soldiers' experiences during the War on Terrorism.

Our goal is to give voice to Soldiers while teaching writing to aspiring Army leaders. You have a story to tell and we want to help you share it with those who want to (and need to) hear it through this project and eventual publication.

We will host a lunch time "writing workshop" where Soldiers will have an opportunity to ask questions about our "Telling War Stories" project while enjoying pizza and drinks.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Capt. Mike Warren at Michael.warren@usma.edu or 845-938-2661.

Community Mayor's Minute

Kara Casto
Community Liaison Office

Welcome to "Marne Mayor's Minute," your new resource for information from your Community Mayors at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield! Each month we will bring you updates on what the Community Mayors are doing in your area and provide you with information that you can use to succeed in military life here on our

installation.

What does a Community Mayor do? Simply put, the Community Mayors work for both you and for the Garrison Command team. The Community Mayors present your interests and concerns at monthly meetings, and they provide you with information on upcoming events and important topics from our installation leaders. The best part is that Community Mayors are a quick resource located right in your

back yard! If you have a question or concern and you don't know exactly how or where to address it, your local Community Mayor can provide you with great contact information.

Community Mayors work closely with agencies like the Directorate of Emergency Services; Child, Youth and School Services; Army Community Service; Balfour Beatty Communities; the Commissary and AAFES. So you can be sure that you are getting the

most current and accurate information possible.

If you would like to serve in the Community Mayors program, just give us a call or send an e-mail and we'll get you the information that you need. The appointment period for Community Mayors is April and May, but you can get involved at any time of the year! The point of contact is Kara Casto, Community Liaison, 767-9717, kara.casto@conus.army.mil.

Marne Voices Speak Out

Why is it important for Soldiers to pass on the lessons they've learned from deployments down range?

"It's the closest understanding you can get until you go."

Staff Sgt. Roy Havener
26th BSB, 2nd HBCT



"So we can all get back home safely."

Pvt. Shanelle Averill
1/41 FA, 1st HBCT

"It helps Soldiers do their jobs and understand what 'right' looks like."

Staff Sgt. Walter Lawver
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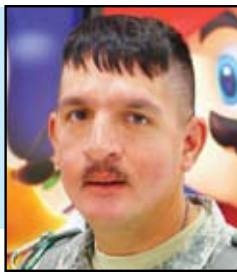


"Because that's what being a leader and a mentor is all about."

Staff Sgt. Angel Garcia
3/69 Armor, 1st HBCT

"Because the skills we learn are important to pass on to survive in combat."

Sgt. Michael Mas
2/218 FA, 41st IBCT



"So we don't fail our Soldiers when we become NCOs."

Spc. Heather Perdue
1/41 FA, 1st HBCT

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Drive safely during summer getaways

Spc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd Sustainment Bde.
Public Affairs

We are nearing summer, and individuals and Families are planning their summer getaways. This means more cars on the roads and more hazards that you should be aware of.

The first thing that drivers need to do is have a plan of action and be aware of themselves, said 1st Lt. Joseph Karmozyn, executive officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. Also make sure that all paperwork (drivers licenses, registrations, insurance cards, etc.) is up to date.

The second thing that vehicle operators need to maintain is their own vehicle, he continued. Keeping all fluids at the correct levels and all parts in working order is essential for any piece of machinery.

After you have taken care of yourself and all of the things you can on an individual level, drivers need to start to concentrate on all of the external hazards that plague summer drivers, including heavy traffic, motorcycles and drunk drivers.

"There's going to be a lot more people on the road now that's its summer time, so you have to watch out for more cars," 1st Lt. Karmozyn said.

He went on to say that drivers need to be cautious and drive defensively. Drivers also need to eliminate the distractions that cause accidents.

According to Carnegie Mellon University, driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37 percent.

Cell phones are a big distraction while driving, said Mark Johansen, safety officer for the 3rd Sustainment Bde. Unless using a hands-free device, cell phones should not be used while operating a motor vehicle.

Speeding is another large problem area for drivers, especially young drivers, said Johansen. As speed increases, so does the distance required to stop, the risk of an accident and the severity of a crash if one occurs.

It takes the average driver 1.5 seconds to react to a hazard, according to the Naval Safety Center.

"There is no reason to speed, when, depending on the distance, the time that is reduced from speeding is less than 30 minutes," Johansen said.

Summertime is also a time to spend with friends and Family. It's a time to celebrate and attend parties. A lot of the times, these things involve alcohol, and alcohol is the primary factor in vehicle fatalities, according to a national poll conducted by Nationwide Insurance.

"The easiest way to avoid alcohol-related accidents is to stay away from alcohol when you know you're going to drive," said

1st Lt. Karmozyn.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on average, someone is killed by a drunk driver every 40 minutes and the risk of encountering a drunk driver increases significantly during summer time.

"If you find yourself in a situation where neither you nor your friends can drive, it helps to have a plan and a backup plan," said Johansen.

There are several services available that will help you get home besides a cab service.

"Tow to Go" is a service provided on specific dates by American Automobile Association that will take both the vehicle and the driver safely home.

According to its Web site, since its inception in 1998, "Tow to Go" has safely removed more than 8,600 drunk drivers from the roads. It's free, and open to both AAA members and non-members.

"Most units offer a way for Soldiers to call their chain of command or their staff duties to pick them up safely," said Johansen.

Motorcycles are also more prevalent during the summer months and have the risks placed on them as regular four-wheeled vehicles.

"As a motorcycle owner, I can tell you one of the main things to look out for is motorcycle maintenance," said 1st Lt. Karmozyn. "Most of the time you can't just pull off the side of the road when you're on a motorcycle."

Give motorcycles extra room to maneuver, said Johansen. They are more susceptible to wind and drafts due to their light weight.

Whatever you do this summer, make sure you have a plan and do it safely, said 1st Lt. Karmozyn.

"If you have a plan for everything you do, then you're on your way to proper summer fun," said Johansen.

Fire safety important for Distro Platoon both on, off duty

Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk
4th IBCT Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division launched the Army's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign May 6 – an initiative that emphasizes safety during a time period when Soldiers, their Family Members and Army Civilians are at greater risk to accidental fatalities, according to the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

The safety campaign and the 3rd ID aims to combat these mishaps through awareness programs and training sessions that focus on the potential hazards of specific outdoor activities most common between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Though extra steps are taken during this critical time period to ensure a Soldier's well-being, safety is always in season for the Marne Division. For Soldiers of Distribution Platoon, Company G, 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, fire safety is essential both on and off duty.

First Lieutenant Roy Faulkner, Distribution Platoon

leader, said it is important for his Soldiers to understand how to combat fires, especially because their military mission involves transporting ammunition and other flammable material. His team received hands-on fire safety training at Fort Stewart's Fire Department, May 28.

"If we go out into a field environment and a fire takes place, our (Soldiers) need to know exactly what to do, step by step, to save equipment and lives," 1st Lt. Faulkner said.

Fire Inspector Jose Sanchez, who instructed the training session for the Soldiers, said exercising fire safety is equally as important at home as it is on the job. He explained how to use and properly inspect a fire extinguisher and encouraged the Distribution Platoon to always keep safety their number one priority.

"It's sad when we lose a Soldier to carelessness," Sanchez said, who spoke about the dangers of transporting petroleum-based products and provided fire prevention tips key to outdoor and in-house activities. "Common sense will keep you safe."

Sanchez explained there are different methods to

extinguishing fuel, grease and electrical fires, and that Soldiers should be aware of how to combat each class. He advised the group to take what they learned from the fire prevention training home to educate their Families.

First Lieutenant Faulkner said the training was effective, especially for the troops new to his team.

"More than half of my platoon is filled with brand-new Soldiers," 1st Lt. Faulkner said. "This training was helpful to those Soldiers and helps build muscle memory."

The platoon leader added that his unit is currently undergoing changes to meet the 4th IBCT's new light infantry standards, but despite these changes, safety will always remain a priority.

Sanchez said the Fire Department's fire safety training caters to more than just Soldiers, as he and the Installation Fire Prevention Team train all audiences on a monthly basis. Additionally, the Fire Department hosts Fire Warden training every second Thursday of the month from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at building 100. Call the Fire Prevention office at 767-7006 for more information or to schedule training.

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He said evidence of Col. Buchs' efforts to support Soldiers and Families can be seen in the nearly \$500 million worth of construction currently taking place on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army

Airfield.

Colonel Buchs graduated from the U.S. Army Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1984 and began his military career as an armor platoon leader. He served as a company commander during Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991. He later served in Korea, Bosnia and Germany.

He and his wife Renee have two children, Austin and Alexie. During a less formal ceremony before the official change of command, Maj. Gen. Cucolo presented special 'thank you' gifts to Renee and

Austin, and gave Alexie a stuffed "Rocky" as a going-away gift. Tindoll presented Col. Buchs with a Legion of Merit for his outstanding service during this ceremony. The Buchs' new assignment is at Fort Hood, Texas.

Colonel Milton began his military career in 1987 as an armor fire direction officer. He served as a battalion maintenance officer during Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991 then in 2004, he deployed as a battalion commander during Iraqi Freedom.

He and his wife Christina have two children, Jonathan, a student at Tennessee Technological University, and Teresa, who is married to Pfc. Justin Ringle, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Colonel Kevin W. Milton receives the U.S. Army Garrison guidon from Davis D. Tindoll, Jr., Installation Management Command, Southeast Region, during a change of command ceremony held at Marne Garden, May 29. Colonel Milton took command from Col. Todd A. Buchs, who moves on to Fort Hood, Texas.



Randy Murray

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"We never seemed to be in the same country at the same time," lamented Lt. Col. Whitney. "I love you, and I promise we will live together for at least two years in Washington, D.C. That's my hope."

Soldiers, Army Civilians and community leaders got their last glimpse of Lt. Col. Whitney and Maj. Whitney as supporters filed through the receiving line at Truscott after the ceremony.

A reception for the incoming commander followed at the Hunter Club, where guests welcomed Lt. Col. Aguilar and his spouse, Suzanne, to Hunter and the Savannah community.

Lieutenant Colonel Aguilar was previously Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers, Portland District. The District manages an annual program worth more than \$450 million in combined civil works and environmental restoration projects.

Lieutenant Colonel Aguilar said he is looking forward to being in charge of Team Hunter.

"It is both a privilege and an honor to take command of such a great organization," Lt. Col. Aguilar said. "The Savannah community has a history of supporting the military. I have met some of the leaders from the community and look forward to working with them."

In keeping with tradition, Lt. Col. Aguilar kept his remarks brief. He expressed gratitude toward Lt. Col. Whitney for a

"well synchronized and professionally executed transition."

Lieutenant Colonel Aguilar received his U. S. Army commission in 1991 and has served in leadership and staff positions in Europe, the Middle East and throughout the United States.

Although Lt. Col. Aguilar's three children, Jocelyn, Allison and Joey, were completing their final exams in Portland during the ceremony, Lt. Col. Aguilar said he thinks the transition will be an easy one for his family.

"I know this is a Family community, and there are plenty of things for

them to do," Lt. Col. Aguilar said. "We look forward to that."



Fort Stewart's outgoing garrison commander, Col. Todd Buchs, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar, the incoming Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander in Truscott Air Terminal during a change of command ceremony, May 28. Lieutenant Colonel Aguilar replaced Lt. Col. Dan Whitney, who is relocating to the Pentagon.

District DDESS superintendent retires after 34 years of educating

Jennifer Hartwig
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Dr. Joseph Guiendon is known to his colleagues as a kind, compassionate, even-tempered educator who is a strong advocate for his schools and his students. After 34 years as an educator, 25 years of service to the Department of Defense Schools, and six years as the District Superintendent for the DoD Elementary and Secondary School systems at Fort Stewart, Fort Jackson, Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station, and Cuba, Guiendon will retire on June 30.

“Working for the DoD schools is a great job,” Guiendon said. “Just being able to contribute in a small way to the military community and their families, I think it’s the best job on post.”

Guiendon began his career with the DoD in 1984, when he left his job as a principal in Pittsburgh to take a position at Fort Bragg. Since then, he has worked at schools in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

Many people showed up to bid farewell to the most senior superintendent in DDESS at Club Stewart, June 1, including Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general; Dr. Elaine Beraza, Director, DoD Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, Cuba; Col. Greg Douquet, commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island; and representatives from Warner Robins Air Force Base, Fort Jackson, S.C., Lauren Bay Schools in Beaufort, S.C., and the office of Rep. Jack Kingston.

The Binghamton, N.Y., native will be remembered by his colleagues as a great educator and an even better person.

“I’ve never actually seen Joe lose his temper; I’ve



Jennifer Hartwig

Dr. Joseph Guiendon holds grandson Jonathan, 10 months, while speaking with Col. Greg Douquet (left), commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, at his retirement ceremony at Club Stewart, June 1. Guiendon, District Superintendent for the DoD Education Activity schools at Fort Stewart, Fort Jackson, Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station, and Cuba, will retire on June 30 after 25 years of service to DoD schools.

never seen him yell,” Beraza said when describing Guiendon. “I’ve always known Joe to find the best attributes in everyone. He is kind and compassionate. He’s always been a forceful advocate for his schools and the children.”

“He’s a terrific educator,” said Terry Duerenberger, retired DDESS employee at Robins AFB who worked with Guiendon for years. “He has a good way with people. He’s just an all-around good guy.”

Guiendon has enjoyed his years as an educator, but he is looking forward to his new career – being a full-time grandpa to 10-month old grandson Jonathan, who lives near Guiendon in Richmond Hill, and six-week old granddaughter Lily, who lives in Atlanta.

“For now, I’m going to play with my grandson,” Guiendon said of his retirement plans. “You never know (if I’ll work again), but for now I’m all set.”

Education & Community Information Fair

Are you new the area or interested in knowing more about the schools your children will be attending in the upcoming school year?


Fort Stewart:
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 21
@ Club Stewart

Hunter Army Airfield
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 5
@ Hunter Club


If you are an agency, school or community organization that is interested in participating in the fair, contact the Stewart School Liaison Office, 767-6533, by July 6 or the Hunter School Liaison Office, 315-6586, by July 24.

Columbia awards outstanding scholar

In recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement, Melissa Hodo has been inducted into the Columbia College chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, international honor society in business, management and administration. The creation of Sigma Beta Delta follows a 200-year tradition of honoring scholastic achievement in higher education, beginning with the establishment of Phi Beta Kappa in Williamsburg, Va. in 1776. Pictured with Hodo is Robyn Lebowitz (right), director of Columbia College at the Hunter Army Airfield campus.



Courtesy photo



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Celebrating the Army’s Birthday

Ever since June 14, 1775, the U.S. Army has been defending America’s liberty. Starting on 12 June, FMWR will help celebrate the Army’s 234th birthday and honor Soldiers with discounts at FS and HAAF golf courses, Marne Lanes and the Corkan Family Recreation Area. Jordan Youth Gym at FS has planned a special Youth Sports and Activities Day for its celebration on 13 June. Check MWR Calendar, Community News and Notes and these various FMWR facilities for details.

Youth Fishing Derby @ FS

6 June, 7-11 a.m. – Pond 30

For youngsters under age of 16. Youth encouraged to bring their own fishing poles and bait, but some tackle and bait will be available. “Fishing buddies” will help youngsters. Door prizes awarded throughout the morning. There is no charge. Children can register in advance or on day of event at the Pass and Permit office, building 8093. 435-8061

First Annual BOSS Car Show @ FS

6 June, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – Education Center Parking Lot

Look over the cars and see which one you think will win a prize for best paint job, interior or best overall car, truck and bike. Categories will be judged by cars, trucks, and bikes. All registered clubs compete against each other. There is no charge for spectators. More info: 767-9917 or e-mail christopher.s.dent1@stewart.army.mil.

‘King of the Rock’ Bench Press Competition @ FS

6 June, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Newman Fitness Center, Bldg 439

Contestants given three attempts for maximum weight pressed. Open to male and female competitors at least 17 years old. Various weight classes. First to third-place awards presented in each weight class. Registered participants receive a T-shirt. Registration fee \$10. Sign up from 8-9:30 a.m. the day of the event. 767-3031

GC Golf Scramble @ HAAF

10 June Sign-up Deadline; Shotgun Start 12 June, 8 a.m.
Hunter Golf Club, Bldg 8205

Entry fee \$35 for DoD ID cardholders and golf club members and \$40 for civilian guest. Cost includes tournament fee, golf car, driving range balls and tournament prizes. Mulligan’s will be sold separately. First 25 foursomes will be accepted. For more information, call 315-9115.

Warriors Softball Challenge @ FS

10 June Sign-up Deadline; Tourney 12-13 June, 6:30 p.m.
Bennett Sports Complex, Bldg 471

First annual Warriors Softball Challenge, a double elimination tournament, open to Active Duty Military only from Stewart and Hunter. Tournament fee \$150 per team. Teams must field 10 players and can have a maximum 20 players on rosters. Register at Bennett Sports Complex. 767-8238

Combat Skeet Tournament @ FS

10 June Sign-up Deadline; Tournament 13 June, 8 a.m. – Stewart Skeet Range

Entry cost \$25 per person. Each shooter gets 25 random targets and must identify and break each target. Player with highest score after four rounds will be the winner. Prizes awarded. Register at Pass and Permit (435-8061), Outdoor Recreation (435-8205) or skeet range (435-8219).

Tommy Johns Show @ FS Library

11 June, 3:30 p.m. – George P. Hays Library, Bldg 411

Come see Tommy Johns Wild West Show, a program that involves audience participation, comedy and music and encourages children to read. No charge. 767-2828.

CYSS Jon’s Sport Park Trip

12 June, noon - 7 p.m. – Douglas, GA.

Depart mid-day from FS Youth Center, Bldg 7338 for Douglas, GA. Cost \$10 per person includes unlimited skating, go-karts, batting cages, miniature golf, driving range, tube town, plus one piece of pizza or hotdog and a drink. 767-4491

BOSS Showdown III

13 June, 7-10 p.m. – Rocky’s, Bldg 703

BOSS Showdown III talent show held in conjunction with 2009 U.S. Army Festival of the Arts. Competition is a feeder program for U.S. Army Soldier Show and allows qualified participants an opportunity to be considered for possible selection to the live audition process. Participants must be over 18. For more information, visit the BOSS office at Rocky’s or call 767-9917. Door prizes.

2/7 holds 'Super Bowl' of tank gunnery

Pfc. Jared S. Eastman
1st HBCT Public Affairs

The armor is caked with mud and the tracks are dirty, but the tank’s guns remain spotless, prepared for battle at a second’s notice. After three weeks off and on in the field, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat team, 3rd Infantry Division, completed their Tank Table VIII, or their individual tank qualifications. Soldiers stand in groups next to their tanks, either gloating to another crew about their score or listening to their tank commander give time-honored and experienced advice for the next challenge the crew may face.

The crew of Charlie 24, or “Cupcake,” is in a good mood, although four points away from making top tank like they did last gunnery, the crew is still considered a distinguished tank.

“We just finished Tank Table VIII and it’s been great,” said Pvt. Steven Long, a loader for Cupcake. “This is our crew’s second gunnery. (After) the last gunnery, we were top tank, and this gunnery we were four points away. We did real good out here.”

Tank Table VIII is more than just the Super Bowl of tank gunnery for individual tank crews, it is also vital to keeping the tank crews at the top of their game.

“Today we are finishing our qualification table and hoping to get everything cleaned up pretty soon,” said Sgt. John Asher, a gunner for Cupcake. “Qualification is important because it’s a skill you have to learn just like anything else. If you don’t use it, it’s something you can lose very quickly.”

The crew had to go through a lot of preparation in order to be ready for the qualification. Not only did they have to go through Tank Tables IV, V, VI and VII but also a lot of training in garrison. Along with crew skills



Pfc. Jared S. Eastman

After finishing their Table VIII qualification run, two 2/7 Inf. tankers clear and clean their weapons before returning to the Multi-Purpose Range Complex motor pool, May 28.

tasks and fire commands, the gunner and tank commander also have to train in a simulator before coming out for qualification.

“I came in the Marine Corps first, and I thought it would be a cool job to be a tanker, so when I got out of the Marine Corps and into the Army, I signed up to be a tanker,” said Sgt. Asher. “We had a lot of fun out here; my crew is awesome.”

Ground guides led the tanks out of the Multi-Purpose Range Complex motor pool and onto the tank trails, where they refueled before heading back to 2/7 Inf.’s motor pool.

Although the tank Super Bowl is over, 2/7 Inf. still has more tank tables to go through to ready their tankers for deployment, including tank squad movement and firing.

Spartans lead way in communication

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2nd HBCT Public Affairs

Communications specialists from the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division had the opportunity to meet and learn from Harris Radio instructors, the company that designs and produces the military’s most advanced radios, during a four-day class held at Fort Stewart, May 26-29.

The class, which focused on long distance radios and satellite radios, provided a unique training opportunity for Fort Stewart Soldiers to meet face-to-face with Harris Radio instructors. The training is usually only offered to select Soldiers at Fort Gordon’s Signal School.

“It was awesome to meet the Harris Radio instructors and get the chance to really pick their brains on the kind of information and skills the instructors have,” said Spc. Gary Butts, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd HBCT.

The class focused on Harris Radio’s PRC 150, a beyond line-of-sight radio capable of communications over mountains and other terrain, and the PRC 117E, a multi-band satellite radio capable of

sending and receiving radio communications, text and data to anywhere in the world, Spc. Butts said.

“It is absolutely crucial that these Soldiers learn about these radios,” said Steve Kiser, a Harris Radio and Fort Gordon Signal School instructor.


Kiser, who normally instructs officers and advanced senior enlisted communications Soldiers, said the continual training to all communications Soldiers is necessary because of the rapidly changing technologies of radio and data communications.

“Back when I was an enlisted Soldier, we only had to learn two radio systems,” Kiser said. “Soldiers today have to learn more than 10. The sheer amount of training and knowledge that requires is staggering.”

The combined abilities of the radios and the trained Soldiers enables the U.S. military to coordinate around the globe, Kiser said.

“It is pretty amazing that a single Soldier with a 14-pound radio on their back can stand out in the middle of an Iraqi desert or in the mountains of Afghanistan, (and) with the right amount of training, can communicate to anywhere in the world,” said Spc. Butts.

41ST IBCT LAYS DOWN LEAD AT CONVOY LIVE FIRE GUNNERY



Spc. Cory Grogan

Capt. Charles Patterson

UPPER LEFT: Specialist Eric Ivey, a gunner in Company A, 2nd Battalion, 162 Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team takes aim during convoy live-fire training as part of mobilization training for Iraq at Fort Stewart, May 28.

UPPER RIGHT: Sergeant Jason Schimonitz, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, 41st IBCT, moves up through the turret to issue an order to the gunner on his truck during the Convoy Live Fire Course at Fort Stewart, May 28.

Tattnall County Mobile Disaster Recovery Center opens to help disaster survivors

Starting Friday, Georgians affected by the late March – early April storms and flooding can speak in person with recovery specialists at a mobile disaster recovery center in Tattnall county.

Operated by the state of Georgia and FEMA, the center is located at 194 John O. Parker Dr., in Reidsville, Ga. The mobile center is open from noon to 7 p.m., Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday.

Before visiting the center, apply for state and federal disaster assistance by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or register online at www.disaster.assistance.gov.

Center services include disaster recovery guidance, referrals to other agencies, small business administration low-interest disaster loan information, and application forms and status.

FORT STEWART- HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD TEEN HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP

June 29- July 2
Nantahala National Forest, N.C.

Open to CYSS registered youth. The Cost is \$75 and includes cabin accommodations, Family-style meals, hiking on the Appalachian Trail, whitewater rafting and much more.

Participants must register by June 19.
Sign up at the CYSS registration offices at Fort Stewart, building 443, or Hunter Army Airfield, building 1279.

For more information, call the Fort Stewart student liaison office at 767-6533.

Stalker Battalion preps 41st for deployment

Capt. Edward Morris
2nd Battalion, 340th Regiment

It is another hazy, hot and humid day on the Red Cloud Hotel range complex on Fort Stewart.

Elements of the 41st Brigade Combat Team out of Oregon prepare to head to the Gun Truck Crew Evaluation. The crews were already validated on preparatory skills needed for the full run-phase of this training.

Waiting to train the 41st IHBCT on the range are Soldiers of Fort Knox's 2nd Battalion, 340th Regiment, 4th Cavalry Brigade, called the "Stalker Battalion."

"These ranges do more than 'check the block,'" explained 1st Lt. Matthew French, a Louisville, Ky. and the range officer in charge for 2/340.

"(This training) allows the Soldiers headed into theater to know that they are battle ready," he said. "All of the preparation we have made to conduct these ranges is paying off. These Soldiers are responding and really bonding as crews. It is a good feeling at the end of the day."

The Stalker Battalion has been preparing for weeks, and has been, and will continue to be, deployed much of this year for intense training.

"We spent about a week getting the range set up and conducting our rehearsals," said 1st Lt. French. "We

have to go over every aspect of the range, including range control communication, logistics resupply, actions on the range, real-life casualty evacuation, and even processing and turn-in of all validation documents. But once the range is blessed off, then the real fun begins."

"Explaining what I do to my Family and friends is kind of hard because it sounds so easy," said Sgt. First Class Anthony Kron. "We train and evaluate units deploying to support the war; however, getting them to understand the process takes a little longer."

The battalion is a multi-component unit, consisting of active-duty, National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers, and Army Civilians. The Soldiers come from a diverse background and provide a deep pool of knowledge represented by nearly all branches of the Army. This diversity allows the Stalkers to be flexible in the missions they conduct.

"We currently are running a Table VIII Gunnery Range, but in a few days we could possibly transition into running a piece of the Opposing Force mission, and might even move into providing (Observer Controller / Trainers) coverage if required," said Maj. Michael Baker, battalion operations officer. "Additionally, we currently have Soldiers working on the brigade staff filling important staff shortages."

The range is a test of the gun crews'



1st Lt Matthew French, 2nd/340th

Sergeant Jorge Pazmino, a Vehicle Crew Evaluator from 2nd Battalion, 340th Regiment, 4th Cav., receives a back brief while mentoring a 41st IBCT gunner on range safety before they train.

ability to shoot, move and communicate. A perfect score of 1,000 points is achieved by hitting a total of 10 targets within 5 seconds of exposure, while maintaining proper communication within the crew, as well as their ability to report contact to their higher elements.

"What we hope to see by the time

they reach our range is a tight crew that knows the commands (and) the weapon, and is comfortable as a team," said 1st Lt. French.

"We expect to have at least 12 perfect scores this rotation, and as of the 27th, we have had five. So let's see who else is ready to step up," said Maj. Baker.

1/15 Inf Regt chaplain shares heritage with Soldiers

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Chaplain (Capt.) Philip Jeon, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, was excited to be the featured speaker at the 3rd HBCT's Asian Pacific Heritage Month luncheon at the Kelley Hill Dining Facility on Fort Benning, May 27.

"I'm very happy to be given the opportunity to share my background with everyone here," he told Soldiers in attendance. "My Family's story is the story of thousands of Pacific Asian Families."

Chaplain Jeon proudly shared how his father, in 1972, left his family in South Korea and moved to Baltimore with \$100 in his pocket.

"He didn't come with a back-up plan," said Chap. Jeon. "He couldn't fail."

Chaplain Jeon's father, who spoke very little English, banded together with several other Koreans, who were in the same situation, and bought a rundown house in a poor neighborhood.

"For my father and others like him, the beginning was very difficult, but they forged ahead," he said. "He understood the concept of sacrificing in the short term for a huge reward later on."

Eventually, Chap. Jeon's father was

able to bring his entire Family to Baltimore and open a grocery store.

"My father also brought eight members of his extended Family, his brothers and sisters, and their Families over as well," he said. "They were all in it together. That shared experience bonded them."

Chaplain Jeon credits his parents for instilling a good work effort in him.

"My parents would be up at 4 a.m. to go find and purchase wholesale items to stock the store and then work all day," he said. "Most of the time they would get off at 9 or 10 at night. Most people would have just wanted to come home and relax, but they didn't."

Chaplain Jeon said that when his parents arrived home at night, they would check their children's schoolwork. His mother would cook for the Family, to ensure they all had one hot meal a day. Before they went to bed, Chap. Jeon said his Family would have Bible study together.

"Not only did it strengthen our religious faith, but it also allowed us to connect as a Family," he said. "We shared our daily issues, it allowed my brothers and me to speak Korean and keep in touch with that side of our heritage, and it allowed my parents to hear about our day and learn more about American culture. In so many ways, that time was special."

The values instilled in Chap. Jeon

by his Family would help him transition into the military as an Army chaplain.

"Asian culture incorporates the Army values in every way," he said. "The concepts of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage are all a part of the fabric of Asian American life."

Chaplain Jeon said he is grateful for his background and feels that his Family's guidance was a huge stepping stone to where he is now.

"My parents gave my brothers and (I) the freedom to choose what we wanted to do with our lives," he said. "We were never steered one way or another, but they did instill in me two very important concepts: they wanted me to choose a profession that I could look back on and be proud of, and they wanted me to strive to be the best at whatever I chose."

Chaplain Jeon said that his life story is shared by countless of Asian Americans that are serving in the Army.

"Whether their Families' background is Japanese, Chinese, Korean or any number of the countries in the South Pacific, their stories mirror mine," he said. "It isn't just an Asian story; it is an American story that everyone can relate to. Whether your Family came from Europe or Latin America, it is a heritage every race or culture can understand and connect with in a meaningful way."



Spc. Ben Hutto

Jae Jeon, the wife of 1/5th Inf. Chaplain Capt. Philip Jeon, sings a Christian hymn in traditional Korean garb at the 3rd HBCT's Asian Pacific Heritage Month luncheon held at the Kelley Hill Dining Facility on Fort Benning, Ga., May 27. Chaplain Jeon was the featured speaker at the event.

3/69 Armor staff hones command and control skills

Henry Hester
Battle Command Training Branch

Last fall, Lt. Col. Jessie Robinson, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and his operations officer, Maj. Pete Fedak, were wrestling with a plan to train a battalion staff that possessed little experience with planning or conducting tactical operations. They also wanted to improve and sustain the staff's command and control skills on such platforms as the Command Post of the Future, Force XXI Battle Command, Brigade-and-Below and Blue Force Tracker. They outlined an aggressive training plan that integrated the capabilities of Fort Stewart's Battle Command Training Branch to sharpen the battle command skills of the battalion staff.

Stewart's BCTB, part of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, offered a number of options to help the 3/69 Armor leadership craft a training plan in a logical, sequenced approach.

"At (the) battalion level, our primary staff and assistant (officers) were mostly junior captains with as little as three years experience in the Army," observed Maj. Fedak. "Working with the BCTB, we were able to develop a 'crawl, walk, run' program to teach our young (officers) and (noncommissioned officers). They learned how to receive an operations order from higher, conduct mission analysis, and develop, issue and fight a synchronized and effective plan."

The term "Battle Command" refers to the art and science of visualizing, describing, directing, leading and assessing forces to impose the commander's will on a hostile, and adaptive enemy. It is part science in the sense that it requires knowledge of Army doctrine and presumes a level of proficiency with the applications a unit uses to manage tactical information and control operations. Battle Command is also art in that Soldiers and leaders must combine these hard skills with their own

experience and intuition, and apply them, often in a creative manner, to solve tactical problems.

The first step, Individual Digital Operator Training, was the most important for the staff. They started by assessing if they had proficient system operators for the Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) platforms used in their tactical operations center.

Once the staff felt comfortable with the basic proficiency of their C4I system operators, the next step was to train their staff to integrate these various systems, exchange information, and build and tailor a common operating picture that would facilitate staff planning and battle tracking.

The BCTB manages five Reconfigurable TOCs that they can configure and network with specific digital systems to meet a unit's training needs. The RTOCs provided the staff with a "turnkey" facility that enabled them to immediately start training without the added burden of dispatching vehicles, resourcing land or setting up and configuring their own TOC.

The 3/69 Armor staff also participated in a digital integration course provided by the Battle Command Training Center's Collective Training Branch, designed to teach and reinforce how various systems work together to track and display information and build a common operating picture. Equally as important as digital integration was training the Staff on the Army's seven-step Military Decision Making Process.

The MDMP is the Army's planning model that establishes procedures for analyzing a mission, developing, analyzing and comparing courses of action, selecting the optimum course of action, and producing a plan or operations order.

"We have a new battalion staff, and the battalion executive officer and I are the only two staff members formally trained and experienced in the MDMP," said Maj. Fedak. "We deliberately planned two separate staff

exercises to focus on the MDMP, and the BCTB bent over backwards to (train us using) practical exercises that exceeded my expectations. It was an eye opener to our young captains and has given them a common baseline that we can build upon in the future. However, I would caution battalions that this training was not 'day care' where we could drop off our staff at the BCTB on Monday and expect to pick them up as graduates on Friday. The battalion (operations officer or executive officer) needed to be embedded in every phase of the training and provide direction throughout the entire learning process."

With their collective digital skills and knowledge of the MDMP, it was time for the 3/69 Armor staff to practice and reinforce what they had learned.

The staff were put to match wits against a thinking and agile opponent. Mounted and dismounted friendly and opposing forces, controlled by the 3/69 Armor staff and an opposing force team provided by the BCTB, engaged each other within a computer simulation. Both sides maneuvered and employed fires against one another while the computer simulation fed data into their COP. Throughout the exercise, Maj. Fedak retained the flexibility to stop, slow or repeat events in the simulation in order to reinforce points to his staff.

Lieutenant Colonel Jessie Robinson was impressed with the improved competency of his battalion staff.

"With the BCTB having this turnkey program, it allowed us to maximize the very scarce resource of time by using their C4I systems," he said.

Each week, the Battle Command Training Center's Individual Training Branch offers training and refresher courses on most of the Army Battle Command System platforms used in the 3rd ID. Courses can be scheduled either during the installation's monthly resource conference, through the Digital Training Management System, or by contacting the BCTB at 435-4240.

For more information, contact the BCTB at 435-4332 or 435-4076.

ASK THE JUDGE: Landlord-Tenant Law

Capt. Kate Tagert
Legal Assistance Office

Q: *What is the difference between a holding deposit and a security deposit?*

A: In order to guarantee a particular property for a potential tenant, landlords will sometimes ask for a holding deposit or what is sometimes referred to as earnest money.

A holding deposit is essentially what it sounds like — the landlord promises to keep the property off the market in exchange for monetary value until you arrive at Fort Stewart or are ready to move into the home with your Family.

Holding deposits are distinct from security deposits. If you give a landlord a holding deposit, it is nonrefundable.

You should discuss with your landlord before you exchange money what it will

be applied for: a security deposit or a holding deposit.

The term security deposit does not include earnest money/holding deposit. Security deposit money is refundable, but earnest money/holding deposits are not.

Make sure the landlord provides you with a receipt that states what the money is being put toward.

Q: *How do I ensure I will receive my security deposit back from my landlord when my lease is up?*

A: If you don't cause any damage to the home, you are entitled to have your full security deposit returned in a timely fashion. Under Georgia law:

"... within one month after the termination of the residential lease or the surrender and accep-

tance of the premises, whichever occurs last, a landlord shall return to the tenant the full security deposit which was deposited with the landlord by the tenant. No security deposit shall be retained to cover ordinary wear and tear which occurred as a result of the use of the premises for the purposes for which the premises were intended, provided that there was no negligence, carelessness, accident, or abuse of the premises by the tenant or members of his household or their invitees or guests."

Landlords must inspect the property within three business days of termination of a lease.

If the landlord is planning on retaining any portion of the security deposit he must give the tenant the list of damages within five days of termination.

Tenants are entitled to

inspect the home before moving out, as well.

If a tenant disagrees with the list of damages, he should not sign the list. Instead, the tenant must write a statement of dissent to the list of damages.

It's important to note that if a landlord does not comply with the time requirements set forth under Georgia law, he does not have the right to retain any of the security deposit.

Finally, landlords are only required to send your deposit to your last known address (the home you just moved from).

So make sure to leave a forwarding address and request the security deposit be sent via certified mail with a return receipt requested.

Q: *Hey Judge, how can I terminate my lease early?*

A: Unlike in other states, Georgia landlords

have no duty to mitigate. A duty to mitigate is a legal term of art. Essentially, if you terminate your housing lease before the term of the lease expires, then the landlord has no duty to find a new tenant.

A landlord is fully within his legal rights to reject any tenant's lease termination, let the property sit idle, and then go after the tenant for the full amount of the rent remaining on the leasing agreement.

To protect oneself, a tenant should make sure there is a termination clause that delineates the repercussions or sets limits on the monetary penalty for terminating a lease early.

For more information or assistance on leasing agreements, make an appointment to speak with a legal assistance attorney. Fort Stewart, building 621, call 767-8809/8819; Hunter, building 1211, call 315-5115.

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt.**

FRANK W. LANDAU, C Co., 2/7 Inf., Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact 2nd Lt. Barnard, A Co., 2/7 Inf., (912) 767-7127.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of, **Staff**

Sgt. DANIEL S. MICHAEL, DSTB, 3rd ID, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, contact CW2 Derrick A. Sosa, HHOC, STB, 3ID, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314; (912) 767-5532.

Anyone having claims against, or who

is indebted to the estate of, **Staff Sgt. WILLIE J. COOKE II**, D Co., 3rd Battalion, 15th Inf. Regt., Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, contact 1st Lt. Kevin L. Williams, HHC, 3rd Battalion, 15th Inf. Regt., Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314; (912) 980-2386.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of, **Spc. Roberta Hernandez**, 549th MP Co., 385th MP Bn, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, contact Capt. Timothy Egan, 385th MP Bn., Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314. (912) 767-1041.

\$1,000 REWARD OFFERED



A reward of \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for an armed robbery, which occurred on Oct. 24,

2008 at building 3004, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

Anyone having knowledge of the incident, but not wishing to be identified, will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality.

The payout of cash rewards to military and federal employees for information leading to a conviction is con-

tingent upon exceptional actions regarding the information provided. Those with information concerning this matter are encouraged to call the U.S. Army CID office located at Fort Stewart, Ga. at (912) 767-5030, or the Military Police Desk, Fort Stewart, Ga. (912) 767-4895. The reward expires April 20, 2010.

Education Matters

Graduation ceremony changed to June 26

Have you completed your college degree within the last year? Did you recently earn a post-secondary certificate or diploma from a technical school?

Are you within six semester hours of completing your requirements? If so, you are invited to participate in the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield “All College Commencement,” which has been changed to June 26.

It will be held at the Main Post Chapel at Fort Stewart, building 500, at 7 p.m. Any military, Family Members, retirees, and civilian/contract employees attending “on-post” schools (CTC, Columbia, ERAU, Savannah Tech and Webster), should contact their college right away.

For those attending off-post schools, please complete the electronic “Candidate for Graduation” form at www.stewart.army.mil under the "Services --> Education" link. Forms are also available at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center.

Once the form is received, the graduate will be sent a memo with additional information and instructions. We need to know who will walk down the aisle in front of their Family and friends.

For thos who cannot attend, your name will still be listed in graduation program. For more information, call 767-8331.

Free certification available to Soldiers

The pilot Army Vocational/Technical Soldier Program will fund up to \$4,500 to enroll in non-college degree courses that teach skills tailored for jobs in today’s most in-demand career fields and take certification and licensure exams related to those professions. Soldiers serving on active duty, to include National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on extended active duty, may acquire technical, vocational, or advanced training and re-training.

Several hundred courses are offered for both in-class and on-line programs but must be selected from the schools listed at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC_Program.html and cannot exceed 18 months. New schools and programs are added weekly. In addition, Soldiers can use the AVOTEC Program to pay for Certification/Licensure. Click on the Army Credentialing Opportunities On-line Web site, <https://www.cool.army.mil>, to determine the kind of certification and licensing options available to Soldiers.

Registration for this program is available through Sept. 30, or until the \$19 million allocated funds are exhausted. All information and enrollment steps can be found at the Web site above. Soldiers must have an active account in GoArmyEd to enroll in AVOTEC. Contact your local Army Education Center for access to the GoArmyEd Portal. AVOTEC may be used in conjunction with traditional TA, but the combined cost of both programs cannot exceed \$4,500.

Soldiers offered trucker trg

Bruce Granai, admissions representative with National Training’s Truck Driver and Heavy Equipment Operator School, will meet with interested Soldiers about the school’s certification program that is currently available through Army Vocational/Technical Pilot Program every Thursday from noon until 5 p.m. He’ll explain both career training programs and opportunities for employment while you enjoy some free pizza. Granai will be at Wedgy’s Pizza, 364 Memorial Dr., Hinesville, every Thursday until Sept. 1.

You may contact him in advance at (800)488-7364 ext. 245, (904)307-6952, or by going to www.truckschool.com or www.earthmoverschool.com.

Funding avail to spouses

The Department of Defense has expanded the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Program. It is now called “MyCAA” and is for all military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve servicemembers worldwide, in all military branches.

The program supports spouses in their pursuit of a successful,

long-term, portable career. This centralized, virtual program will provide counseling and funding, up to \$6,000, to assist with licensure, certification or education opportunities leading to portable employment opportunities-trade programs or college degrees.

Best of all, this is all done on-line and by phone with Military One Source. Start by going to <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa> to read about the program and to initiate an account.

For more information, call the Military OneSource Center at 1-800-342-9647 to speak with a Career and Education Consultant. They will assist you in selecting a career goal and entering a career plan into the online system.

Upon approval of your career plan for education, training, certification or licensure, DoD will provide direct payment to the school, institution, or program. You will report back to Military OneSource upon completion of the plan and receipt of employment.

Local college terms announced

You still have an opportunity to enroll for the “Summer Term” at Savannah Tech both on-post and distance learning classes. Many courses are offered during the day. Please contact the college directly for course schedules and enrollment information.

Savannah Tech – 408-2430, July 8-Sept. 24.

SFAC offers education assistance

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield Education Centers are supporting our Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being conducted by Central Texas College.

To enroll, Warriors must have an account on the GoArmyEd portal. Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart’s Warrior Transition Unit can now receive educational and college program advice from their new guidance counselor, Janeen Rosenberg. She is located in the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, at 777 E. 10th St., or call 767-3328. Warriors at Hunter may see Fay Ward, education center counselor, at 767-8331, building 1290.

Green-to-Gold briefing slated

The Green-to-Gold scholarship sessions are held at the installation education centers every month. On Stewart the briefings are at 2 p.m., the first and third Thursday of each month. The Hunter sessions are at 2 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday.

Counselor support available by e-mail

Need to reach an Army education counselor? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop e-mail address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at stewcounselor@conus.army.mil.

CLEP, DANTES exams open on post

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$90 and DSSTs are \$100 for non-military examinees.

188th Commander visits Diamond Elementary



Capt. Charles Patterson

Javier Doward of Diamond Elementary School receives a brigade coin from Col. George Geczy III, 188th Infantry Brigade commander, at the sixth grade awards ceremony, May 28. Colonel Geczy spoke to the class about the important transition to middle and high school, encouraged them to study hard, help each other along the way, and have fun.

For more, check out:
stewart.army.mil

Weekend Dining Facility hours posted

The Fort Stewart weekend dining facility for June 6-7 is the Provider Dining Facility, building 726 and the Spartan Dining Facility, building 3003.

Fort Stewart dining facility weekend serving hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for supper.

The Hunter Army Airfield Weekend dining facility for June 6-7 is the 1/75 Ranger Dining Facility, building 110.

Hunter Army Airfield dining facility weekend serving hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for brunch, and 4:30-6 p.m. for supper.

The Warrior Transition Battalion Dining Facility, building 12902/02 in the old National Guard training area is open on weekends.

The WTB serving hours are breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

Female distance runners wanted

A Marne Team in the Female Masters Division for the Army Ten-Miler competition is being formed.

A spot has been reserved for a Female Masters Marne Team for the race that will take place in Washington, D.C., Oct. 4.

Any interested 40-or-over female who is assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division should contact Maj. Mary Rezendes at 435-6289 or *mary.rezendez@conus.army.mil*.

3rd ID Society Reunion slated

The 3rd Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 90th reunion, Sept. 16-20.

The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, Mo., 65804; (417) 883-6500.

Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax. Rate includes a free breakfast and free airport transportation.

For additional reunion information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, or e-mail *info@thereunionbrat.com*.

Courses open to new drivers

Registration is now open to new drivers ages 14-20 to participate in "PRIDE," Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error, a two-and-a-half hour class offered in Pooler and in Richmond Hill.

The program teaches the science behind collisions and the effects of unrestrained occupants.

Classes will be held today in Richmond Hill, and June 11 and July 16 in Pooler.

Call Susan Willis at 912-756-5645, or e-mail *wander-son@pooler-ga.gov* to register for the Pooler class.

For Richmond Hill registration, email *swillis@richmondhill-ga.gov* or call 912-756-5645.

Stewart

East 7th Street permanently closed

East 7th St. between French Rd. and Niles Ave. is permanently closed due to the construction of the new Soldier Family Assistance Center.

Detour signs and traffic control devices will be displayed for the duration of the construction.

Motorists are encouraged to avoid this area to minimize traffic congestion and to be alert to changes in traffic patterns around this area.

For more information, contact Terry Wheeler, Army Corps of Engineers, at 228-7451.

BOSS Showdown III talent show slated

The BOSS Showdown III will be held 7-9 p.m. at Rocky's, June 13. All those over the age of 18 are welcome to show off their individual talents at the Festival of Arts Competition. To register, call 767-9917.

Vacation Bible School is coming

Vacation Bible School will be held for kindergarden (5 year olds) to sixth graders at the Main Post Chapel from 9 a.m. to noon, June 8-12. To participate, kindergarden students must have completed a kindergarden program. Registration is available during normal business hours at the Main Post Chapel. Class size will be limited to 15 students per class, so register early. For more informa-

tion, contact Michael Iliff, Director of Religious Education, at 912-767-9789 or *michael.iliff@conus.army.mil*.

Shoppette undergoes construction

The Victory Shoppette is being renovated through June 30. The gas pumps and store are closed. For more information, call 876-8434.

Hunter

Billy Mitchell Blvd closed

Billy Mitchell Blvd. is closed for construction south of its southernmost entrance to Tominac Fitness Center to its intersection with Hickam Blvd. Billy Mitchell Blvd. is also closed at its intersection with William Barksdale Circle.

Red Cross looking for youth volunteers

There will be a Red Cross Youth Volunteer Orientation at 2 p.m., June 16, at Tuttle Clinic for any young people interested in volunteering at the Clinic this Summer.

Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age and have parental consent.

There are a limited number of slots available, which will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis.

Those interested in being Red Cross Volunteers should contact Alison Maruca, Director of Volunteers at the Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross at 651-5321, or via e-mail at *marucaa@savannahredcross.org* to sign up.

Gate Closure during Marne Triathlon

The Savannah "Rock of the Marne" Triathlon. is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., June 21, at Lotts Island on Hunter Army Airfield. The race, which includes a 500-yard swim, 13-mile bike, and a 5-km run, will support the men and women serving in our Armed Forces. To sign up, go to *www.savtri.com* until June 9. Raceday signup is limited to 25. For more information, contact Nick Baker at 966-6916 or *savtri@comcast.net*. **Please note:** Rio Gate will be closed 8 – 10 a.m. that morning.

Balfour Beatty Communities

Hunter

Feedback survey celebration

Join us for an amazing day of fun at the Balfour Beatty Communities Leasing Office from 1-5 p.m., Saturday. There will be hot dogs, laser tag, an amazing video game station, inflatables, and our spray park will be open. All that we ask is that any resident who has not filled out our housing survey, please take the time to do so while at the festival.

Yard of the Month judging

The Judging for the June Yard of the Month will take place in all Balfour Beatty housing areas between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., June 9. The winner will receive a \$25 gift check.

Make dad's Father's Day gift

Come make something special to give Dad on Father's Day at the New Savannah/ New Callaway Community Center from 2-3 p.m., June 16. We'll be making cards, cups and more.

Neighborhood huddle

This month we are sweetening our huddle. Meet us for punch and cookies while we discuss any issues or concerns you may have at The New Savannah/ New Callaway Community Center, from 11-11:30 a.m., June 23.

Come have fun with playdough

Come enjoy a classic childhood activity at the New Savannah/ New Callaway Community Center, from 1-4 p.m., June 23. Use your imagination to make fun things out of playdough.

Cool down at the spray park

Come cool off with a cool treat. We'll be handing out popsicles while you splash around in the spray park at the Balfour Beatty Communities Leasing Office, from 2-3 p.m., June 26.

BBC sponsors petting zoo

Come and have some hands-on fun! You'll get to learn about and see up close some unusual animals at the BBC Leasing Office from 3-4 p.m., June 30.

Stewart

Slip and Slide into summer

Get wet-and-wild on the inflatable slip-and-slide and then make your way into the bounce house at the Liberty Woods Leasing Officer from 3:30-4:30 p.m., June 4. Don't forget to wear your bathing suit! Children must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate.

Yard of the Month judging

The Judging for the June Yard of the Month will take place in all Balfour Beatty housing areas between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., June 8.

The two winners will each receive a \$25 gift check.

Neighborhood huddle

This month we are sweetening our huddle. Meet us at the playground across from Brittin Elementary for punch and cookies while we discuss any issues or concerns you may have, from 11-11:30 a.m., June 11.

Father's Day laser tag

Bring dad for a fun game of laser tag at the Liberty Woods Leasing Office from 5-7 p.m., June 19.

Play on teams or fend for yourself, and see just how good dad's aim really is.

Come to the PX, win prizes

Residents will have the opportunity to fill out a housing survey and be entered to win great prizes at the entrance to the PX from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 10.

Your feedback is extremely important to us; please help us to better serve you.

BBC sponsors petting zoo

Come and have some hands-on fun. You'll get to learn about and see some unusual animals up close at the Liberty Woods Leasing Office from 3-4:30 p.m., June 25.

Cool down at the spray park

Come cool off with a cool treat. We'll be handing out popsicles while you splash around in the water at the Southern Oaks Community spray park, from 2-3 p.m., June 29.

For questions or more information about events, please contact Amber Humphries at 408-2478 or *ahumphries@bbcgrp.com*. All children must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate in LifeWorks events. For questions or more information about events, please contact Amber Humphries at 408-2478 or at *ahumphries@bbcgrp.com*.

3rd HBCT to host blood drive to aid deployed Soldiers

Pfc. Erik Anderson
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, will be hosting a blood drive, sponsored by the Armed Service Blood

Program and the Columbus Lions arena football team, tomorrow at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center, Fort Benning, Ga.

This blood drive is unique because donated blood from the Soldiers and Families of Kelley Hill will be sent to Iraq or Afghanistan to help Soldiers, within

one week of collection.

In support of the event, players and dancers from the Columbus Lions will be on Sledgehammer Field for a meet-and-greet during the drive, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Soldiers, Family Members and the

public are invited to donate at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact 3rd HBCT Family Readiness Support Assistant Andrea Young at *andrea.young3@conus.army.mil* or (705) 544-5712.

A day of reflection: 3rd CAB honors fallen Soldiers

Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly A. Green
CAB Public Affairs

While the origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity, many at Hunter Army Airfield proved that fallen warriors' commemorations are not only inscribed in stone but also in the hearts of many still today.

Fallen Soldiers and their Family Members were honored during a monument re-dedication at Hunter, May 21. The ceremony was held in remembrance of the six Knighthawk Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, who were killed when their UH-60 Blackhawk, "Storm 6," crashed during combat operations in Iraq, April 2, 2003.

"The names we honor today are among our nations' finest," said Lt. Col. Thomas Smedley, 2/3 Avn. commander. "This Memorial Day, let us never forget their sense of duty, their sense of patriotism, and the honor they leave behind for us to carry forth into whatever mission lays ahead."

The monument was moved from the brigade headquarters and now rests in front of the 2/3 Avn. battalion headquarters. And even though the marker was unveiled five years ago, on the one-year anniversary of the crash, some are seeing it for the very first time.

"After Michael's death, it was just a lot to be able to do anything," said Lila Lipscomb, mother of fallen Soldier Sgt. Michael Pedersen.

Lipscomb, who traveled from Michigan to attend the memorial ceremony, said she felt this was something she had to do in honor of her son.

"Now, six years have passed, and it's like I have to be here now," she said. "I just have to, to keep him alive and be a part of the guys he loved so much, because he loved this place."

The following 2/3 Avn. Knighthawk "Storm 6" Soldiers died in Iraq that fateful day:

Capt. James F. Adamowski
Chief Warrant Officer Erik A. Halvorsen
Chief Warrant Officer Scott Jamar
Chief Warrant Officer Eric A. Smith
Sgt. Michael F. Pedersen
Spc. Matthew G. Boule



Spc. Monica K. Smith

ABOVE: Sergeant Eric R. Mathias and Chief Warrant Officer Arthur G. Cawman, 2/3 Avn., 3rd CAB, place a wreath near the "Storm 6" memorial during a monument re-dedication ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield, May 21. The ceremony was held in remembrance of the six Knighthawk Soldiers who were killed when their UH-60 Blackhawk, "Storm 6," crashed during combat in Iraq, April 2, 2003.

RIGHT: Robert Sutterfield, Boy Scout Troop 527, receives a hand shake from Lt. Col. Thomas Smedley, 2/3 Avn. commander, while he and scout Alex Hollowell are recognized for their contributions to the relocation efforts behind the "Storm 6" monument re-dedication ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield, May 21. Sutterfield spear-headed a project to offset costs of materials used to beautify the new location of the memorial.



SPARTANS TRAIN TO INTERACT WITH IRAQI NEIGHBORS



Elise Van Pool

Members of A Co., 3/7 Cav. conduct urban reconnaissance training. A portion of the training required Soldiers to meet with local leaders, played by Iraqi interpreters, to coordinate humanitarian and security support for local Iraqis.

J. Elise Van Pool

Fort Stewart Public Affairs Specialist

The lyrical sounds of Islamic call to prayer echoed off the cinderblock buildings as Soldiers quietly filed through the streets and around buildings in the simulated Iraqi village. Then several bursts of M-4 rounds broke the eerie silence that had fallen over the sunny Georgia morning. The gunfire was followed by shouts and calls for a medic.

More Soldiers, also members of the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat team, came running, followed by a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. A wounded Soldier and Iraqi policeman were loaded into the waiting Bradley.

The Soldiers, members of 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division were at the combined arms collective training facility on Fort Stewart, taking part in urban reconnaissance operations training as a part of Spartan Focus, May 31. Also out that day, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd HBCT, conducted the same training on a different

part of the facility.

The purpose of the training was to give Soldiers a chance to practice interacting with not only local Iraqi civilians, played by Iraqi interpreters, but also to identify insurgents and enemy combatants.

The exercise started with Soldiers entering the village on foot and making contact with the locals. Captain Arturo Flores, commander of Company A, 3/7 Cav., said the purpose of the training was to learn "situational awareness and ascertain what kind of people live in the town and where their loyalties lay."

Upon entering the town, Soldiers faced many different scenarios, including negotiating with local Iraqi leadership. As part of the exercise, Iraqi interpreters were brought in to play different members of the community, such as the mayor and chief of police. The role players helped teach Soldiers how to negotiate with local leaders and how to work with Iraqi security forces.

Steven Petrus, one of the Iraqi interpreters, acted as the local police chief, working with Soldiers on their negotiation skills. When asked about his favorite part of the exer-

cise, Petrus said it was teaching cultural awareness.

"I try to make sure they know what to look for," he said.

Captain Flores said that simulating an Iraqi presence is a great training tool.

"It refreshes memories of how to conduct negotiations and trains lieutenants on how to do it right," he said.

"First impressions always count," said Capt. Aaron Vevasis in regards to interacting with local Iraqis during 1/64 Armor's after action review. It was one of the major points made during the review.

Abraham al Mawlood, one of the Iraqi interpreters, related a story in which an Army doctor had taken fire from an insurgent, returned fire, and treated the insurgent after he had shot him. He concluded the story with how much of an impression that act made on the locals.

Overall impressions of the training were positive and many lessons were learned.

"Soldiers are getting excellent training," Capt. Flores said. "Having the facilities and the Iraqis, we are getting great training."



Spc. Anita VanderMolen

41st IBCT conducts urban ops training

Specialist Diego Alaniz, Private First Class Christopher Harlan, Staff Sgt. Brian Chipman, and Private Kenneth Brown all from Klamath Falls, Ore., with Troop C, 1st Squadron 82nd Cavalry Regiment, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, stack before moving around a corner during urban operations training at Fort Stewart, May 29th. Their Task Force is one of four with the brigade preparing to deploy to Iraq this summer.

BRIGADE

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“We can move them into that footprint, and Fort Stewart would still retain the capability to grow,” said Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander. “I see nothing but a bright future for growth at Fort Stewart.”

The planning for the additional brigade began when the Base Realignment and Closure Commission announced Fort Stewart, along with Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Carson, Colo., would receive an additional brigade. The three bases still have hope that they can add a

brigade in the near future; two brigades are expected to move from Europe to the U.S. around 2012, and currently, those three bases are their potential homes.

Despite the news, Maj. Gen. Cucolo remained positive that Stewart, the local community and the 3rd ID will continue to persevere despite the nationwide economic troubles. He said recent improvements on Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are a key example of that perseverance.

“We continue to uphold the Army Family Covenant,” he said. “When you see improvements at Holbrook (Outdoor Recreation Area on Stewart) and Lott’s Island (at Hunter), those are the kinds of things we want to keep bringing to the community, to the Families. We want to spend that \$1 million from winning the (Army Community of Excellence Award) to win it again and again.”

A statement from the Department of the Army said

that in stopping the brigade creation, the Army can ensure success in three major areas: the ability of brigades to deploy for contingency operations and major exercises, increasing opportunities and access to training facilities, and improving the quality of life for Soldiers and Families.

“I understand the tough economic impact this decision will have on the communities that have worked so hard to prepare for the arrival of the three brigades,” Secretary of

the Army Pete Geren said in the statement. “They are great partners with the Army, and we will need their continued support as we work together on the growth that is underway at those locations.”

Major General Cucolo also expressed deep appreciation for the surrounding communities.

“I would ask them to sustain their incredible support, even in the face of the sacrifices I know they have made,” he said. “We’ll get through this.”



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"Twilight Tattoo" is a time-honored tradition that blends the precision and discipline of the 3rd Infantry Division with the dynamic musicianship of the 3rd ID Band.

The history of Twilight Tattoo began more than 300 years ago during the Thirty Years' War. A bugle and drum call was used to summon British troops from the warmth and hospitality of taverns in towns and villages of the Low Countries.

The familiar tune told tavern owners "doe den tap toe" or "turn off the taps." The troops knew the call to mean "taps off," and time to return to their quarters.

The modern-day call is known as "Tattoo" and during basic training, the call signals the time to quiet down and hit the bunks.

For the U.S. Army, the call serves as a tribute dedicated to the vitality of our nation and to the sacrifices of those who forged America into the land of the free and the home of the brave.

On June 12, the 3rd ID will celebrate the Army's 234th birthday with its own Twilight Tattoo. The free event will include activities for teens and children at Newman Field at 3 p.m., and a ceremony for Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians and Army veterans at 7 p.m. on Cottrell Field.